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DR K. B. MENON :—" What is the total allotment for extension of electricity to rural areas for this year in the Five-Year Plan and what is the actual amount available? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K. VARADACHARI :—" May I ask, Sir, whether power supply will be continued after 1st October in the Chittoor district? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

Primary schools in South Kanara.

* 1097 Q.—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many villages in South Kanara district are not having even primary schools; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter of providing at least elementary schools to those villages?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) It has been reported to Government that there are 54 schoolless villages with a population of 500 and above in the South Kanara district. No figures are available in respect of villages with a population of less than 500.

" (b) The Government are encouraging in all possible ways the opening of schools by private agencies and by the district boards."

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" Is it a fact that the Government have issued an order not to open new schools?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the grants given to private managements and to teachers under private managements so that many aided schools may spring up? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of revision of grants to elementary school teachers is under consideration, Sir."

Alleged detention of Krishnan Nayar, an auto-rickshaw driver, in Kozhikode.

* 1098 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation or complaints in 1953 about one auto-rickshaw driver of Kozhikode, Krishnan Nair by name, having been wrongfully detained in the Kozhikode Government Lunatic Asylum at the instance of the District Medical Officer, Kozhikode, and if so, what action has been taken against the District Medical Officer?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes. The matter is under consideration."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Has any enquiry been ordered and is it being carried out or has the enquiry concluded? I submit, Sir, that there is no point in merely saying that it is under consideration. May I know what stage of the consideration it has reached? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Since the despatch of this answer, Sir, the matter has been finally disposed of. No action against the District Medical Officer or the Assistant Surgeon will be taken. The District Medical Officer has been permitted to retire."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In this particular case, Sir, I may submit I myself have gone to the Kozhikode Mental Hospital and found the person very sane. May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the District Medical Officers and the Resident Medical Officers are authorized by the Government to send the patient to the lunatic asylum? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" On account of the unruly behaviour of this person, a report was made to the police and the police took him into custody and produced him before the Subdivisional Magistrate. Under the orders of the Subdivisional Magistrate, he was sent to the Mental Hospital for observation under the Indian Lunacy Act."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Is it one of the methods of this Government to send unruly persons for observation in lunatic asylums? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Not all unruly persons."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What is the final report and is the auto-rickshaw driver suffering from lunacy or is the District Medical Officer suffering from lunacy? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" He was discharged, Sir, since it was found that he was not of unsound mind."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" The Hon. Chief Minister said that not all unruly persons are sent to the Mental Hospital. Does it not mean that some unruly persons are sent to the Mental Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Some are retired and some are sent to the hospital."

Selection to Engineering Colleges.

* 1099 *Q*.—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Rayalaseema students selected for Engineering Colleges for 1950–51, 1951–52, 1952–53 ; and